

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 12, as follows:**

Handling of these highly aspected thin ~~[[foil]]~~ foils can be more difficult after leaching. Some structural support appears to be necessary. This can be accomplished by a simple change in billet design. In place of a uniform array of rods as shown in Fig. 1a, a single large diameter rod is inserted into the center of the billet. This billet, when finally rolled to the desired thickness and ~~[[with]]~~ width will form a continuous inner foil exactly at the center of the larger foil, surrounded by the outer filaments. It now supports the filaments, provides a common electrical contact, and acts as a convenient location for the anode termination. The central rod should not exceed 20% by area of Cu and can be adjusted as required.

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